

A FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE

I. Christian Education is Fundamental to Every Cause of the General Assembly.

From our church schools and colleges come almost wholly our supply of ministers and leaders in all departments of church work.

"The Christian college," says Dr. Henry Louis Smith, "is the manufactory which takes the finest raw material the church can furnish, multiplies its value a hundred fold, and returns it to the church in a life-giving stream of intelligent faith, trained power, and consecrated leadership."

II. Christian Education is Fundamental to the Institutions of the Land.

"The educated class," says Dr. F. H. Gaines, "is the influential class. From this class must come all teachers, all authors of text books, all framers of educational policies, the leaders of thought in philosophy, science, and all literature and the leaders in all the learned professions. Shall this class be Christian?"

The school and the college, after the home, have more to do under God, in determining whether or not the educated class shall be Christian, and in determining church connection, qualification for service, ideals and careers. The product of the Christian college has been "the salt" that has saved our secular education.

III. Christian Education is Fundamental to the Highest Development of Our Youth.

The Christian element in education is of vital importance. If the moral nature is to dominate the life for truth and God it must be developed and trained along with the other faculties of the soul. The Bible must have its proper place and the youth must be educated under the influence and example of Christian teachers, in an atmosphere of piety and spirituality.

President Hadley, of Yale, said: "I do not believe you are going to make the right kind of a citizen by a godless education and then adding in religion afterwards. The idea is wrong. Education and religion must go hand in hand."

IV. Christian Education is the Fundamental Work Before Presbyterians To-Day.

"The Presbyterian Church," says Dr. Walter W. Moore, "was once the greatest educational force in this country. She is still a great educational factor, but she has lost her primacy. Other denominations have of late outstripped her. We rejoice in their progress, but it is to our discredit that latterly we have not shown equal wisdom, zeal and enterprise."

"Finally," says Dr. Moore, "let our people remember that Christian education is not only necessary to THE WELL-BEING of the church, but to the VERY EXISTENCE of the church."

More Students in Our Colleges-- Better Colleges for Our Students

Your Synod needs your sympathy and prayers and help.

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